

about said boat, said coupler including a support arm having two ends, one said end mounted on a support member of said boat, the opposite end having a head mounted thereon;

said head including upper and lower complementary jaws, at least one of said jaws being moveable, and means for biasing said jaws in a closed position;

a collar for interfacing with said coupler, said collar comprises a cylindrical sleeve for attachment to said outrigger;

an interlocking pin assembly comprising a pair of generally parallel flanges, said flanges protruding from said sleeve and integrally associated therewith;

a pin interposed said flanges, and secured thereto, said jaws receiving and locking said pin;

said head further including means for releasing said pin;

whereby, when said outrigger is in a laydown or collapsed configuration, in close proximity to said boat, said securing assembly automatically receives, releasably locks, and safely retains said outrigger until such time that release is desired.

[c7] An automatic outrigger securing assembly, for use on a fishing boat having structural support members, comprising:
coupling means for releasably securing said outrigger in a fixed position about said boat;
collar means for interfacing with said coupling means;
said coupling means receiving and locking said collar means;
said coupling means further including hydraulic means for actuating said coupling means;
whereby, when said outrigger is in a laydown or collapsed configuration, in close proximity to said boat, said securing assembly automatically receives and safely retains said outrigger in a desired position.

[c8] The apparatus of claim 7, wherein said coupling means includes a support arm and a head mounted about one end of said arm;
said head further including upper and lower complementary jaws, at least one of said jaws being moveable, and means for biasing said jaws in a closed position;

